

# Wells Fargo & Co's Express.

Illinois and Indiana Division.

R. A. WELLS,  
Superintendent.

CHICAGO, October 9th, 1890.

Director U.S.Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a circular issued by Special Officer Hume of this Company which explains itself. Mr. Hume has traced this bar of gold as far as Chicago. He has information that the same was forwarded from here to the U.S.Mint, Philadelphia. The bar was melted and the assay changed by putting in some silver dollars and old gold. This was forwarded by express about June 6th several days later or from the 6th to the 13th the parties at Chicago received <sup>760.</sup> 760 odd dollars in currency by express and in payment for the gold cake sent to the U.S.Mint.

I have written to the Adams Express Agent at Philadelphia to day requesting him to personally investigate the matter and advise me if this bullion was delivered by any express Company to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia and to whom the money was returned.

The local address of the parties at Chicago is what we are after and the name of the party to whom the returns were made.

If you can help us any in this respect we would very much appreciate it and reciprocate the favor at any time it is within our

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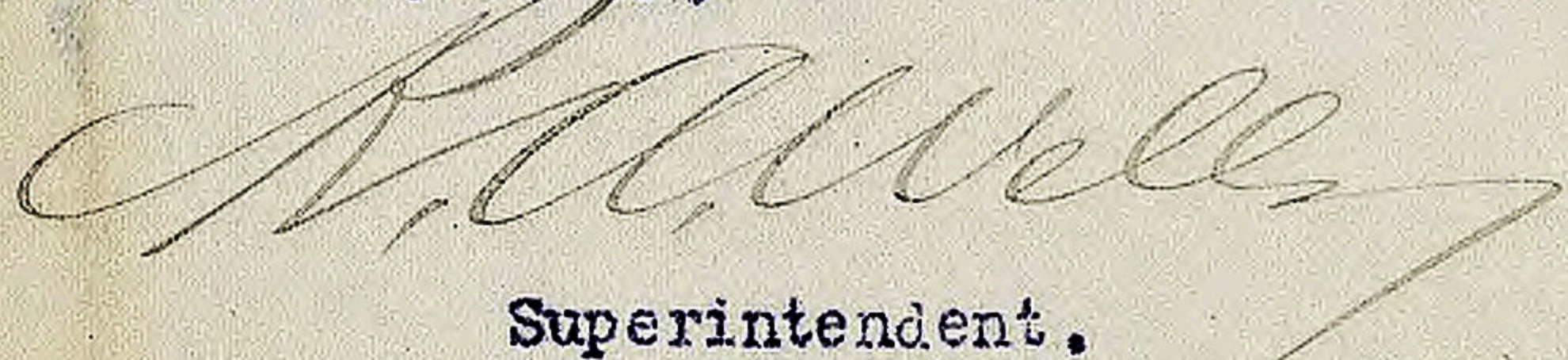
power.

I also enclose a description of bullion taken in the robbery near Redding, Cal., September 25th, 1890.

It is our impression that this robbery was committed by the same gang who forwarded the cake of gold to the U.S.Mint about June 6th, as above described. If you receive anything answering the description, which would in any way arouse your suspicion will you kindly telegraph me at once from what source received and the consignee's name and address.

Trusting that you can see your way clear to give us information that will lead to the arrest of these thieves, I remain,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. C. Wells", written in dark ink.

Superintendent.

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Chicago - Ill.  
Oct 9. 1890

Wells, Fargo & Co's Express

Ask information relative  
to bar of Gold deposited  
about June 6<sup>th</sup>



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concerning, a name and address.

Yours very truly,

Subscribed

the description, which would be very much appreciated. I have  
your slip as above described. It has received satisfactory  
results and following the case of Gold to the U.S. Mint about  
it is not important that the papers are completed in  
best manner. Oct. 11, September, Sept. 1890.  
I have enclosed a description of the gold bar in the  
box.

[NARA RG104, Entry 1, Box 166]

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[Handwritten note at top:]  
\$431.73 sent on 12 June 1890  
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